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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR HAIG, SCOWCROFT, PARKER FROM HENKEL

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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. TELCON WITH CAVANEY INDICATES FOLLOWING REGARDING STOP AT OREANDA.

2. ENTIRE OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS 40 UNOFFICIAL AND OTHER TRAVELING STAFF CAN BE HOUSED IN AREA, SPECIFIC LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME INCONVENIENCES MAY BE EXPERIENCED IN PHONE SERVICE AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS. SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT COUNTERPARTS ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE STAFF OR PRESS STAY IN LESS THAN BEST ACCOMMODATIONS AND MAY NOT LET US KNOW IF ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE BELOW STANDARDS THEY SET. COUNTERPARTS INDICATE REQUEST TO HOUSE 363 SOVIET, AMERICAN AND THIRD COUNTRY PRESS WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT. POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS TO HOUSE LARGE CONTINGENT OF PRESS TWO HOURS AWAY AT NEW AIRPORT HOTEL AS ONLY CURRENT FULL PRESS COVERAGE EVENTS ARE AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. SHUTTLE BUS COULD BE SCHEDULED FROM AIRPORT TO TOWN FOR THEM.

3. VISIT TO CATHEDRAL FINE WITH COUNTERPARTS. SETTING AND ARCHITECTURE EXTREMELY PICTURESQUE. PROBLEM IS THAT MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TIME FOR ATTENDING SERVICE IS 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. SERVICE CONTINUES BEFORE AND AFTER THESE TIMES AND ITS APPEARS DIFFICULT TO ATTEND FOR LESS THAN ABOVE MINIMUM. ALSO CUTOMARY
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IN RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCHES THAT ALL ATTENDING REMAIN STADING

THROUGHOUT SERVICE ON MARBLE FLOOR.

4. POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR COLOR EVENT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. CAVANEY CONDUCTING SURVEYS AND MEETING COUNTERPARTS TOMMOROW. PROGRESS AND COOPERATION SEEMS VERY GOOD TO KEEPING THIS RELAXED ENVIRONMENT, EVENINGS FREE AS POSSIBLE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES WITH CAVANEY PRECLUDE SENDING YOU MORE INFORMATION RE: OREANDA BEFORE TOMORROW EVENING. STOESSEL

NOTE BY OCT: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O - MR. SARROS.

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